(*b*) whether there was an accident of a Motor bus going back after loosing the brake because of the mischief of some passenger in the absence of the driver in the police station where he had gone to affix his signature either this month or last month;

(*c*) whether the Motor Vehicles propelled by Producer gas plant find it more difficult to start again when the driver goes stopping the engine to the police station?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.
(*b*) There is no information.
(*c*) Yes, in some cases.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was an accident. Probably it was not a dangerous one. This happened in front of the Vadakkancheri Police Station. A motor bus taking passengers to Trichur from Shoranur or Pazhayannur. The driver and conductor had been in the Police Station. It was not a dangerous accident. The cause of the accident was the mischief of one passenger who might have been a boy. So probably the Police did not record it. Cannot the Government exempt drivers from going out of the motor vehicles as in British India when the Check Register is signed.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Drivers are exempted. Now they need not go and sign the Register.

TEXT BOOK COMMITTEE—ELECTION OF A MEMBER

Mr. President: Nomination papers for election of a member to the Text Book Committee will be received by the Council Secretary till 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th November 1942.

Condolence Motion—Demise of Mr. K. Ramunny Menon

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Mr. President, Sir, It is my melancholy privilege to move the following resolution standing in my name for the kind acceptance of the House:

"*This House, places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. Ramunny Menon, who had been for some time the Conservator of Forests and an official Member of this House*".

Born at Chiyyaram, a suburb of Trichur, in the year 1876 he had his early education in the Government High School at Trichur. After completing his F.A. (corresponding to the present Intermediate) course at the Ernakulam College, he went to Poona and underwent training in Forestry at the College of Science there, after which he joined the State service as a Forester in 1898. Subsequently he was deputed to undergo the Ranger's course at Dehra-Dun as a State Scholar, and on his return after successfully completing the course promoted to a Ranger's place in 1902. By successive promotions he rose up to the position of the Head of the Department in 1928 and retired on superanuation in 1931. He thus served the State for the long period of 33 years rising from the lowest to the highest rank of the departmental ladder by sheer force of merit. I have heard it said that he was one of the recipients of the good conduct prize that used to be given in those days to the best behaved boy in the school and all those who knew him know that all his life he lived up the high reputation he so deservedly established as a young boy. He was a kind master, a loyal and helpful colleague and a devoted public servant, who earned the universal esteem of the public and approbation of his superior. I have little doubt that his general personality will long be missed and his loss deeply mourned by not only the Hon'ble members of this House who had the privilege of knowing him but the public of the State as a whole. I commend the resolution to the kind acceptance of this House.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: സർ, പരേതനായ മിസ്റ്റർ രാമുണ്ണിമേനവനമായി അധികം ഇടപെടുവാൻ എനിക്ക് ഇവിടെയുള്ള ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാരേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു വലിയ തറവാടിയും, വനംവകുപ്പിനെപ്പറ്റി വളരെ പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരാളും പ്രശാന്തഗംഭീരനും, പ്രസന്നവദനനനും, ദുഃഖം എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ എന്താണെന്നുകൂടി അറിയാത്ത ഒരാളുമായിരുന്നു. മാത്രമല്ലാ, അദ്ദേഹം, ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു് യാതൊരുവിധത്തിലുള്ള ദോഷവും തട്ടാതെ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ സഹായം ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരാളുമായിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള മഹാന്റെ ജീവനു് നിത്യശാന്തിവരുവാൻ ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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